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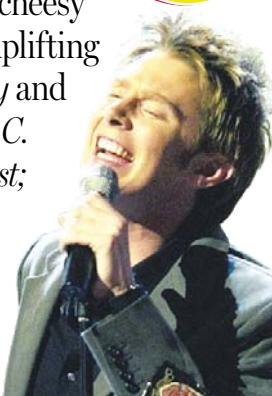
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Kerry's Long List of Maybes

Campaign offers few clues as hunt for running mate begins

ORLANDO, FLA. | Nomination well in hand, Democrat John Kerry took the initial steps Wednesday toward selecting a No. 2 for his ticket, with options that include governors from the Midwest and Southwest, former campaign rivals and a larger-than-life former first lady.

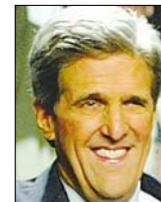
Kerry remained mum about potential political partners, describing it as a private and personal process.

With 19 years in the Senate, Kerry may look outside Washington to governors such as Tom Vilsack of Iowa, Mark Warner of

Virginia or Janet Napolitano of Arizona.

Kerry may also look to a former rival who has built a fund-raising network and has experience campaigning. North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, Missouri Rep. Dick Gephardt and retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark all endorsed Kerry when they exited the race and have pledged to support his campaign.

New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton has repeatedly said she intends to complete her term, which ends in 2006, but has not ruled out running for president in 2008 if Bush is



Kerry

re-elected. If Kerry is well-positioned to win the race this year, however, Clinton may find the ticket too attractive to pass up.

The Kerry campaign was vague about its timetable. The benefit of a quick decision is a partner to help

in spreading the message and raising money. The disadvantage is instantly eliminating the one question mark that might keep the public captivated. **NEDRA PICKLER (AP)**

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REDSKINS | NEW KID ON THE BLOCK



PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/AP

SHOPPING SPREE: In one of the team's many transactions on Wednesday, the Redskins welcomed quarterback Mark Brunell, who signed a seven-year, \$43 million contract and could replace Patrick Ramsey as Washington's starting quarterback. ♦ **Signing Day:** 'Skins land Shawn Springs | Page 10

MARS | All Bets Are Off The announcement Tuesday that the NASA rover Opportunity found evidence that water once flowed on Mars may be exciting to scientists, but it's ending some of the action for bookies in Britain. The bookmaking firm Ladbrokes an-



nounced it has stopped taking bets on whether there ever was life on Mars. A firm spokesman says the latest odds in favor of past life on Mars were 16-1. Back in the '70s, when the first bets were placed, the odds were 1,000-1. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

EyeOpeners

LAW

The Case of the Diligent Criminal

A Mount Carmel, Tenn., woman accused of going on a shopping spree by forging checks from a stolen pocketbook wasn't entirely fiscally irresponsible, police said. After all, they said, she wrote each transaction in the checkbook register. "I guess she wanted to make sure she didn't bounce any of the victim's checks," officer Will Mullins said. Police charged Debra Janan Goins with felony theft and burglary. She was arrested last week when an officer stopped her car and found the stolen purse, as well as several department-store shopping bags. (AP)

CRIME

Pot by the Pound

Police who pulled over a pickup truck in Indiana because its load was blocking the view of a temporary license plate in the rear window discovered it was carrying 900 pounds of marijuana. "It was piled up in big bags," said Indiana State Trooper William Etter.

EDUCATION

Lessons Learned

A Miami Beach, Fla., high school student jumped out a second-floor window to win a bet with a teacher, who has been disciplined, officials said. The teen was not injured. Miami Beach High School science teacher Yrvan Tassy Jr.'s class was discussing evolution last week when the student, who was not identified, talked about jumping out the window to prove his point, police said. The teacher bet him \$20 that he would be injured in the jump, according to police reports. (AP)

"Once you first stopped it, it was obvious — you could smell it."

The marijuana was compressed into about 900 bricks and wrapped in plastic, police said. The pot nearly filled the bed of the truck, and a drug-sniffing dog responded immediately to the scent, police said. (AP)



FASHION

Ready. Or Not

It was a scene of jarring mass trendiness on the runways of Paris Wednesday as two designers unveiled their fall collections.

Creator John Galliano's lineup of luxury ready-to-wear fashions for Christian Dior reportedly was inspired by '20s silent film stars, but it seems that Ms. Pac Man was also on his mind, given the giant yellow furball surrounding his model's head, pictured right. England's Vivienne Westwood designed the ensemble at left, perhaps with evolution in mind. When women grow that third arm from their chests, won't it be great that this shirt is already out there? For now, though, maybe it can be a baby swing. (EXPRESS)



LEFT: PHILIPPE WOJAZER/REUTERS
RIGHT: JACK DABAGHIAN/REUTERS

ANIMAL WATCH Sniffing for Cash

Keya may have been trained to sniff drugs, but the canine cop has shown

her nose can also follow the smell of money. The yellow Labrador retriever led a South Dakota Highway Patrol trooper to nearly \$100,000 in cash duct-

taped into a spare tire as the team made a routine traffic stop along Interstate 90. The suspects told officers they had no idea where the money came from. (AP)



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In Brief

WASHINGTON

House Passes Bill to Extend Deadline for 9/11 Commission

The House unanimously passed legislation Wednesday giving the federal commission investigating the Sept. 11 attacks more time to finish its work. Under the bill approved by voice vote, the commission would receive an additional 60 days to issue its final report, or until July 26. The Senate passed the same version of the bill Friday. (AP)

DENVER

Campbell Says He Won't Seek Third Term in Senate

Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, beset by health problems and an office scandal involving a longtime aide, announced Wednesday he will not seek a third term this fall. Campbell, 70, has faced questions about his health since last year, when he acknowledged undergoing treatments for prostate cancer. Campbell's office was rocked last month when it was alleged that a longtime aide had been taking kickbacks. The senator reported the matter to the Senate ethics committee. (AP)

EVANSVILLE, IND.

Man Disputes Search of Baby's Cocaine-Filled Diaper

A father facing drug charges argues a trooper made an unconstitutional search by changing his son's apparently soiled diaper and finding a bag of crack hidden inside. The diaper change was a search conducted without probable cause, Walter H. Martin argued in asking the court to throw out the evidence. Martin, 30, goes on trial next week. (AP)

Bush's Campaign Steams Ahead

President starts fundraising, advertising blitz

LOS ANGELES | Rival John Kerry in his sights, President Bush opened a fund-raising sprint through California Wednesday and sought to win over voters by focusing on the compassionate part of what he calls his "compassionate conservative" agenda.

Renewing his push to expand religious groups' roles in helping down-and-out Americans, Bush told 1,500 government and religious leaders, "We're talking about healing our nation, we're not talking politics."

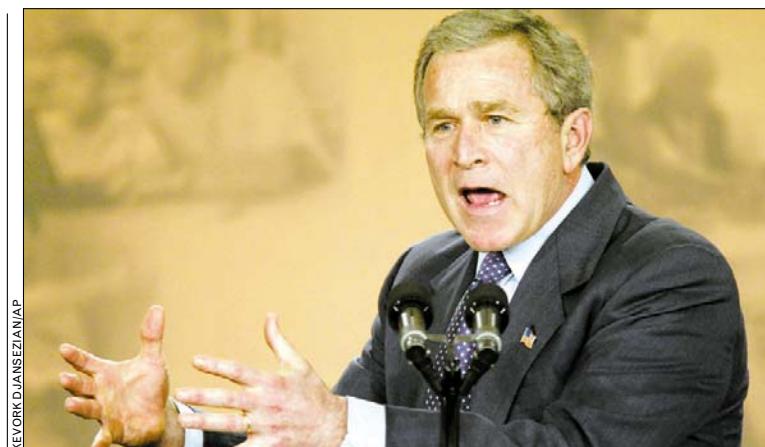
But the campaign was on full display as Bush crammed three fund-raisers into a 25-hour California visit — Wednesday's events alone netting \$4.1 million.

Democrats seeking the right to challenge Bush have argued for months that he has left the poor

behind with tax cuts they say were skewed to the rich and corporate-friendly policies. Bush argued that he had not forgotten the "people in our society with shattered lives," and said religious groups represent a different route to tackling "those seemingly intractable problems."

Also Wednesday, the president's re-election committee rolled out its first campaign commercials, using images of the destroyed World Trade Center to claim "steady leadership in times of change."

"What sees us through tough times? Freedom, faith, families, and sacrifice," says one commercial, as clips roll of the Sept. 11, 2001, wreckage, a flag being raised, children saying the Pledge of Allegiance, parishioners at a church, parents with a new baby and firefighters.



President Bush makes his case for expanding the role of religious organizations in helping the less fortunate during a campaign stop in Los Angeles on Wednesday.

sign and domestic challenges.

SCOTT LINDLAW AND LIZ SIDOTI (AP)

Bush v. Kerry: The Washington Post's David Broder takes your questions on the race to come | Today at 1 p.m. at washingtonpost.com/liveonline

POLITICS | ENDGAME

BOWING OUT: Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., holds his daughter on Wednesday as he announces the end of his campaign for the White House.

Feds Might Ease Gender Rules in Schools

Move could clear the way for same-sex classes, public schools

WASHINGTON | Federal officials plan to significantly loosen their restrictions on same-sex public education, giving schools the most freedom they've had to teach boys and girls separately in almost 30 years.

In changing its enforcement of Title IX, the landmark law that prohibited sex-based discrimination in schools, the Education Department

says it will expand choices for parents without eroding equal opportunity. The regulations announced Wednesday reflect a push by both the Bush administration and female senators of both parties to give schools flexibility.

Since 1975, when current rules went into effect, single-sex classes have been allowed only in limited cases, such as gym classes involving contact sports. The proposed rules would broaden the options considerably, allowing school districts to launch single-sex classes to provide

a diversity of choices or to meet the particular education needs of their students.

Schools would have to be "even-handed," meaning they must treat boys and girls equally in determining what courses to offer.

The department's plan would also make it easier to create entire single-sex schools.

Current rules allow those schools, but only when a district creates a single-sex school with comparable benefits for the other gender. That restriction would disappear. BEN FELLER (AP)

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Nation

Ore. City Allows Gay Marriage

Portland hands out
licenses as leaders in
N.Y. spar over unions

PORTLAND, ORE. | Gay and lesbian couples started tying the knot in Portland on Wednesday after the county issued same-sex marriage licenses, joining the rapidly spreading national movement from San Francisco and upstate New York.

About 50 people lined up for a sudden chance to wed after a Multnomah County commissioner said she would begin issuing the licenses to same-sex couples.

Meanwhile, New York's attorney general joined the national debate, saying current law prohibits same-sex weddings but that he would leave it to the courts to decide if the law is constitutional.

"I personally would like to see the law changed, but must respect the law as it now stands," Attorney General Eliot Spitzer said in a statement obtained by The Associated Press.

Both sides of the polarizing issue have been waiting for Spitzer's opinion since Friday, when the mayor of New Paltz, a college town 75 miles north of Manhattan, married 25 same-sex couples without licenses.



Stephen Knox, left, and Eric Warshaw stamp a glass together on Wednesday during their marriage ceremony before Judge Betty Roberts, right, in Portland, Ore.

Village Mayor Jason West has been charged with 19 criminal counts and could face jail time.

On Wednesday, Nyack, N.Y., Mayor John Shields said he would also start marrying gay couples and planned to seek a license himself to

marry his same-sex partner.

However, Spitzer said Wednesday that New York's law contains references to "bride and groom" and "husband and wife" and does not authorize same-sex marriage.

RUKMINI CALLIMACHI (AP)

FBI Disseminates Photos Of Child-Porn Suspects

WASHINGTON | The FBI announced a new effort Wednesday to disseminate photographs of unidentified child pornographers on television and the Internet in hopes they will be recognized.

The first two suspects arrested were identified after their photos aired recently on the "America's Most Wanted" television show. The FBI also will post images on its Web site and possibly through other TV and print media, officials said.

Stacey Bradley, a supervisory special agent in the Baltimore FBI field office, said thousands of images of unknown adults and children are found on computers, in Internet chat rooms and elsewhere during child molestation investigations.

"It's still occurring every day to our children in the United States," Bradley said at a news conference. "They're all over the Internet."

The initiative is part of the FBI's "Innocent Images" program, which is based in the Baltimore FBI office, to combat sexual exploitation of children on the Internet. Since the program began in 1995, more than 3,000 people have been arrested.

What's new about the initiative announced Wednesday is that the FBI and Justice Department are seeking "John Doe" grand jury indictments of the unidentified suspects. That has rarely been done in child exploitation cases, partly for fear that a lookalike could be mistakenly arrested. CURT ANDERSON (AP)

Lifting Luggage Dangerous for Airport Screeners

WASHINGTON | Lifting and searching all those bags is taking a toll on airport screeners, resulting in injury and illness that is the highest among federal employees.

Back strains are common. Other injuries include cuts when a screener reaches into a bag to check for sharp objects, or bumps, bruises and even broken bones after suitcases fall on feet and hands, according to a recently released federal report.

Transportation Security Administration spokesman Mark Hatfield said the agency is working to address the problem.

"We're spending hundreds of millions of dollars to improve the physical systems, the mechanical systems," Hatfield said. (AP)



SUPPLICANT: A supporter of former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide gestures in front of his portrait — which is painted on a wall surrounded by those of heroes from the struggle for independence — during a protest in Port-au-Prince Wednesday.

Haiti's Rebels to Lay Down Weapons

Tentative end to violent rebellion that killed 130

PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI | With U.S. Marines starting to patrol Haiti's capital, rebel leader Guy Philippe announced that his men would lay down their arms, signaling an end to a monthlong rebellion that claimed at least 130 lives.

"Now that there are foreign troops promising to protect the Haitian people ... we will lay down our arms," Philippe told a news conference. The rebels then abandoned the former army headquarters, which they moved into upon arriving in the capital Monday.

Interim President Boniface Alexandre, making his first address to the nation since he was sworn in Sunday, asked rebels to help rebuild Haiti, the Western hemi-

sphere's poorest nation. He also asked loyalists to exiled Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to disarm, assuring them that Aristide's Lavalas party will "play a role in the democratic process that we are starting."

Meanwhile, the 15-nation Caribbean Community called Wednesday for an independent international inquiry, possibly headed by the United Nations, into allegations by Aristide that he was forced from office Sunday by the United States, said Jamaican Prime Minister P.J. Patterson, chairman of the regional bloc. U.S. officials

have denied the charges.

Aristide remained in the Central African Republic, where a U.S.-government chartered plane had taken him after he left Haiti on Sunday.

MARK STEVENSON (AP)

HEARSAY | CHARITY

"We're about to give him a television and satellite dish so he can monitor news around the world."

—CHARLES WENEZOUI, FOREIGN MINISTER ON EFFORTS IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC TO ACCOMMODATE ARISTIDE, WHO IS IN TEMPORARY EXILE THERE.

Tough talk: Philippe's pledge to disarm came hours after he met with U.S. diplomats in what officials called a "no-nonsense meeting" | Today's Post: Section A

In Brief

VENEZUELA

Opposition Looks for Help in Pressing Bid to Recall Chavez

Venezuela's opposition pleaded with international observers for help Wednesday in pressing a recall referendum against President Hugo Chavez, a day after elections officials ruled that opponents lacked enough signatures to force a vote. The opposition said they handed in more than



A woman in Caracas cries for her brother, an anti-Chavez protester who died in a clash with government troops.

3 million signatures in December, but the National Elections Council said Tuesday 1.8 million signatures were valid and that another 1.1 million signatures may be authentic — but only if citizens come forward to confirm they signed.

Rioting subsided in several cities, but opposition leaders warned of more unrest and another march was planned in Caracas for Thursday. At least seven people have died since demonstrations erupted Friday, officials said. (AP)

Sunnis, Shiites in Iraq Pull Together

A somber, deliberate show of unity after attacks on Shiites

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Shiite clerics joined Sunni preachers in a march of thousands Wednesday, trying to keep sectarian passions in check after a horrific attack on Shiite pilgrims that raised fears of civil war.

U.S. and Iraqi officials disagreed over how many people died in Tuesday's bombings in Baghdad and Karbala. The Iraqi Governing Council said 271 people were killed. U.S. officials put the toll at 117.

The attacks — at some of the holiest Shiite shrines and on the most sacred day in the Shiite calendar — threatened to turn Shiites against Sunnis if the bombers were found to have been Sunni extremists.

But strife with the country's Sunni minority would hardly be in the interests of the Shiites, who stand on the verge of achieving

their dream of real political power after generations of suppression. Influential Shiite clergy appeared eager to keep passions in check.

"We and our Sunni countrymen are, have been and always will be, brothers," said Shiite preacher Amer al-Hussein, a senior aide to cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, an outspoken opponent of the U.S.-led occupation. HAMZA HENDAWI (AP)

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

→ **Gen. John Abizaid**, U.S. commander in the Middle East, said the U.S. has evidence that al Qaeda-linked Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi was behind Tuesday's bombings.

→ **A purported al Qaeda letter** denied responsibility for Tuesday's bombings, blaming American troops instead.

→ **U.S. officials said 15 people**, some possibly Iranians, were detained in Tuesday's attacks.

Filling the void: Shiite militiamen deployed around the shrine in Baghdad, setting up checkpoints on streets devoid of U.S. and Iraqi forces | Today's Post: Section A

French Senate Passes Head Scarf Law

PARIS | France's parliament definitively adopted a law banning Islamic head scarves in public schools, with the Senate voting 276-20 vote in favor of the measure Wednesday.

The National Assembly passed the legislation Feb. 10 in a 494-36 vote. President Jacques Chirac must now sign the legislation into law. Chirac pressed for such a law, saying

it was needed to protect the French principle of secularism.

The law forbids religious apparel and signs that "conspicuously show" a student's religious affiliation. Jewish skullcaps and large Christian crosses would also be banned. But authorities have made clear that it is aimed at removing Islamic head scarves from schools. (AP)

CHINA

Recording Companies to Karaoke Bars: Pay Up or Else

Recording companies including Time Warner and EMI are launching a campaign to force thousands of Chinese karaoke bars to start paying copyright fees for the tunes their patrons croon to, a lawyer for the companies said Wednesday. Karaoke is hugely popular in China. The music often comes from illegally duplicated recordings, with no fees paid to copyright holders. (AP)

BALKANS

Nationalist in Alliance With Milosevic Party Elected P.M.

A moderate nationalist — promising democratic reforms but deeply opposed to the U.N. war crimes tribunal — was elected Serbia's new prime minister Wednesday. Vojislav Kostunica, who replaced war-crimes defendant Slobodan Milosevic as president of Yugoslavia in 2000, forged a deal with Milosevic's party and will depend heavily on the Socialists for passage of legislation. (AP)

Money

In Brief

WORLDCOM

Ebbers Pleads Innocent to WorldCom Fraud Charges

Former WorldCom CEO Bernard Ebbers on Wednesday pleaded innocent to federal charges that he directed an \$11 billion accounting fraud, the biggest in U.S. corporate history. Ebbers, 62, was led to court in handcuffs after surrendering to the FBI in New York, a day after ex-finance chief Scott Sullivan, 42, pleaded guilty to the same charges and agreed to testify against his former boss. Ebbers was released on \$10 million bond. (AP)

FAST FOOD

McDonald's Phasing Out Super-Size Fries and Drinks

McDonald's said it has begun phasing out supersize fries and drinks in its more than 13,000 U.S. restaurants and will stop selling them altogether by year's end, except in promotions. The company, in a statement late Tuesday, cited the need to trim its menu. (AP)

MARTHA STEWART TRIAL

Jurors Begin Deliberations

The Martha Stewart jury began its deliberations Wednesday, likely holding her reputation as an icon of gracious living in its hands. Stewart and broker Peter Bacanovic are accused of lying to investigators about why Stewart sold her shares of ImClone Systems stock Dec. 27, 2001 — just before it plunged on a negative government report. (AP)



Adam Mizelle protests against the proposed merger of Disney and cable TV giant Comcast Corp. Wednesday in Philadelphia, the site of Disney's annual meeting.

Support Weakens For Disney Chief

Shareholders register no confidence in Eisner

PHILADELPHIA | Walt Disney Co. chief Michael Eisner on Wednesday was rebuked by the stockholders as 43 percent withheld their support for him in a vote at the company's annual meeting.

The size of the no-confidence vote was larger than many had been expecting, and was a victory for Stanley Gold and Roy E. Disney, former board members who have called for his ouster.

Stockholders have said he has mismanaged the company and presided over a slump in profits.

Eisner is running for re-election unopposed, so his job was in no immediate danger. But shareholder dissatisfaction could lead to other steps, such as a separation of the chairman and CEO roles, both of which he currently holds, or possibly his ouster.

Disney executives noted that the company's stock has risen more than 40 percent in the past year.

Comcast Corp., the cable TV giant that last month made an unsolicited bid for Disney that was rejected, urged the Disney board to take a new look at the offer. GARY GENTILE (AP)

Under fire: Author and NPR reporter Kim Masters on Eisner's future | today at noon on washingtonpost.com/liveonline.

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
MetricCos	5.93	+.76	+14.7
AmrRly	10.60	+1.05	+11.0
CooperCo	53.48	+4.73	+9.7
Gensco	22.56	+1.93	+9.4
NS Grp	12.10	+1.04	+9.4

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
GpoRadio	5.05	-1.28	-20.2
Giantln	19.60	-4.04	-17.1
Bioval	18.60	-2.17	-10.4
GnMarit	19.87	-2.13	-9.7
PallCp	24.46	-2.55	-9.4

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.00
3-month	0.95	0.94
2-year	1.73	1.64
10-year	4.05	4.03
30-year	4.91	4.90

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
EuroTech s	7.80	+5.20	+200.0
Toplme	4.44	+1.97	+79.8
Canterbury	2.05	+.85	+70.8
RFInds	8.11	+2.86	+54.4
BOSLtd rs	3.55	+1.03	+40.9

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Conolog	3.46	-1.00	-22.4
SeaChng	15.62	-4.31	-21.6
Unifab rs	8.15	-2.10	-20.5
Oilgear	6.62	-1.45	-18.0
DigitRec	2.92	-.55	-15.9

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5467	.5435	.6335
Canadian Dollar	1.3383	1.3426	1.4843
European Euro	.8207	.8184	.9184
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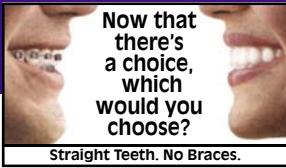
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Local

Suspect Shot in Robbery Attempt

Armed guard thwarts
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WASHINGTON | A would-be robber was shot and wounded by an armored-car guard Wednesday at a bank two blocks north of the White House, police said.

A man armed with a shotgun followed the driver of a Dunbar Armored Car into a Chevy Chase Bank branch on 15th Street near I Street, police said. The armed man demanded the guard's bag of cash, but the guard shot the man in the leg.

A scuffle followed, spilling out onto the sidewalk, where the shotgun

was lying hours after the incident.

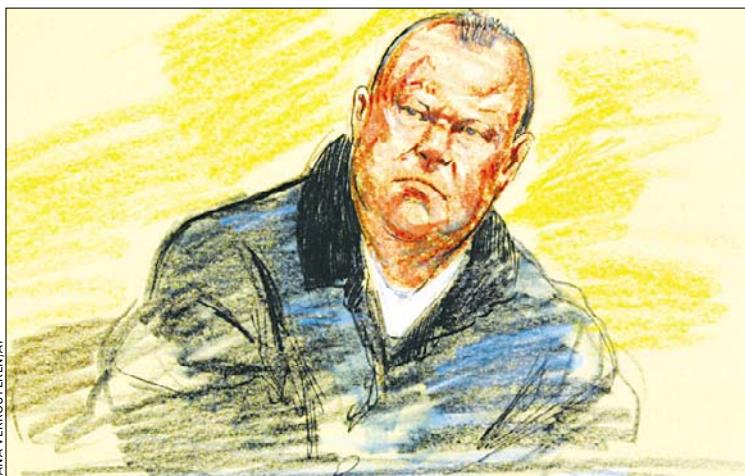
Witness Maria Perez said she saw what happened from a park across the street. "People in the park hit the ground" at the sound of gunshots, Perez said.

The suspect, Daryl Carter, 42, of Northeast Washington, was taken to George Washington University Hospital with non-life-threatening wounds. Police said he would be charged with robbery. Other charges were pending. He was expected in court on Thursday.

Investigators were looking for a second man seen running from the area who may have been a lookout.

The armored-car guard was not injured. His name was not released.

CANDACE SMITH (AP)



Dwight Watson, seen here in a rendering during a Feb. 18 hearing, was supposed to be sentenced Wednesday. But the judge postponed the decision until June 23.

Judge Seeks Evaluation Of 'Tractor Man' Watson

WASHINGTON | It was supposed to be a sentencing hearing for the man who used a tractor and a bomb threat to disrupt the nation's capital just days before the invasion of Iraq.

But there was a sudden twist Wednesday, with the judge instead ordering Dwight Ware Watson — dubbed "Tractor Man" by Washington area commuters — to undergo a mental evaluation.

"I really would like to know more about Mr. Watson's men-

tal condition," said U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson, during a brief hearing held on Wednesday.

Jackson ordered U.S. Marshals to take Watson to a federal prison hospital in Butner, N.C., for a 45-day psychological and psychiatric assessment.

"You will have your day in court, Mr. Watson," said Jackson, who rescheduled sentencing for June 23 pending his review of the findings. DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

Local

'Pothole Killer' Rolls Out On Virginia's Highways

CHANTILLY, VA. | This is one killer you want roaming the streets.

Virginia Department of Transportation officials on Wednesday unveiled their newest weapon in the war on those nerve-jarring craters blighting the roads of the commonwealth. Dubbed the "Pothole Killer," it holds the promise of filling more than 100 holes per day with what VDOT promises is a quicker, better patch.

A crew working with shovels can manually fill 40 to 60 potholes a day.

In many ways it looks like a regular truck — but with one very obvious difference. An arm-like device sticks out some nine feet in front. And from it pours a hot asphalt mix, followed by dry rock.

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which includes the driver, the materials and maintenance.

The company promises the machine can be operated day and night in any kind of weather, and works two days before the materials have to be refilled.

MICHAEL W. KAHN (AP)

D.C. Mayor Wary of Va. Water Woes

WASHINGTON | Elevated lead levels found in the water of a few Virginia homes has created new concerns, District of Columbia Mayor Anthony A. Williams said Wednesday.

"The story that has come to light concerning high lead levels over in Arlington County is disturbing to me," said Williams. "Arlington receives its water from the same place we do."

D.C. and Arlington — as well as Falls Church, Va. — get water from the

Washington Aqueduct, operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Arlington County leaders said preliminary tests of tap water in eight homes showed five had elevated lead levels. School officials plan to test water samples from county schools beginning Thursday.

County spokesman Charles Taylor said the initial results were surprising because lead service lines weren't involved. (AP)

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Sports

Capitals Continue Fire Sale

Gonchar sent to Boston for Morrison, picks

PRO HOCKEY | The Washington Capitals traded defenseman Sergei Gonchar to the Boston Bruins on Wednesday in the latest cost-cutting maneuver by the struggling team.

The Bruins dealt Shaone Morrison and first- and second-round selections in the 2004 draft for the 29-year-old Gonchar, Boston general manager Mike O'Connell announced.

Gonchar was leading the Capitals with 42 assists and 49

points in 56 games. He had four power-play goals and 11 multiple-point games. Morrison had one goal and six assists for Boston in 27 games this season.

Gonchar, the leading scorer among NHL defensemen this season, follows Steve Konowalchuk, Jaromir Jagr, Peter Bondra and league scoring leader Robert Lang out the door in Washington.

Capitals general manager George McPhee said he was only

considering deals in which the Capitals would get a young defenseman in return.

The trade leaves Washington without a player with more than 27 points this season. McPhee said the moves give the Capitals a foundation of young, talented players.

Gonchar is in the final year of a contract that pays him \$3.65 million this season. The native of Chelyabinsk, Russia, had spent his entire career with Washington after the Capitals selected him with the 14th pick in the 1992 draft. JAY LINDSAY (AP)



After being held out of the Capitals' past three games, defenseman Sergei Gonchar was traded to the Bruins. Gonchar was in the last year of his contract.



Champ Bailey will receive an \$18 million signing bonus to play for the Denver Broncos, who sent running back Clinton Portis to Washington in a trade.

Bailey-for-Portis Trade Finally Becomes Reality

PRO FOOTBALL | The Champ Bailey deal with the Denver Broncos is done, assuring the Washington Redskins that Clinton Portis will join Mark Brunell, and free agents Phillip Daniels, Shawn Springs and Cornelius Griffin in Washington.

Bailey's agent, Jack Reale, said the deal was reached late Tuesday.

Bailey agreed to a seven-year, \$63 million contract with the Broncos. The deal includes an \$18 million signing bonus and \$5 million in other bonuses, making it one of the richest contracts ever for a

defensive player.

That cleared the way for the four-time Pro Bowl cornerback to be traded Wednesday to the Broncos for running back Portis, who ran for 1,500-plus yards each of his first two seasons. Denver also receives Washington's second-round draft pick this season.

League officials say the Portis-Bailey trade is the first involving two major players swapping teams since Oakland's Ken Stabler and Houston's Dan Pastorini changed cities on March 17, 1980.

JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

Redskins Fill Needs On Defense

Springs, Griffin agree to contracts on first day of NFL free agency

PRO FOOTBALL | The Washington Redskins reached a contract agreement with free agent cornerback Shawn Springs on Wednesday, The Associated Press has learned.

On a busy first day of free agency, the Redskins also signed former New York Giants defensive tackle Cornelius Griffin, re-signed offensive lineman Lennie Friedman and welcomed running back Clinton Portis and quarterback Mark Brunell.

Portis and Brunell were acquired in previously announced trades that became official Wednesday.

Springs was being flown to Washington late Wednesday and was to sign his contract Thursday, said an NFL source who spoke on condition of anonymity.



Joe Gibbs welcomed Cornelius Griffin to the Redskins on Wednesday.

Tight end Walter Rasby also paid a visit and the team hoped to sign the free agent soon.

Springs will replace cornerback Champ Bailey, who is being traded to the Denver Broncos for Portis.

The news came so fast Wednesday that Brunell's introductory news conference was merely a sidelight.

Brunell, who signed a seven-year, \$43 million contract, said he expects to start, but that Gibbs did not promise him the job. There are already rumblings of a possible quarterback controversy involving Brunell and incumbent Patrick Ramsey. JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

Grading the 'Skins: Michael Wilbon assesses Washington's major free-agent signings | Today's Post, Sports

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL (7 p.m. on ESPN2) Georgetown could miss the Big East tournament if it does not beat Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL (9 p.m. on ESPN2) Cincinnati could have sole possession of first place in Conference USA with a win against an improved DePaul squad.

PRO BASKETBALL (7:30 p.m. on TNT) Chris Webber is finally playing for the Sacramento Kings, who visit the Philadelphia 76ers.

PRO HOCKEY (7:30 p.m. on ESPN) Former Capital Jaromir Jagr leads the New York Rangers into Boston, who acquired Sergei Gonchar from the Capitals Wednesday.

In Brief

PRO BASKETBALL

A Maryland Reunion in D.C.: Wizards Add Baxter to Mix

The Washington Wizards claimed forward Lonny Baxter off waivers from the Toronto Raptors on Wednesday. Baxter, released Sunday, was averaging 4.2 points and 3.1 rebounds this season with Chicago and Toronto. The addition of Baxter gives the Wizards three players from Maryland's 2002 NCAA championship team. He joins former Terrapins teammates Juan Dixon and Steve Blake. (AP)

PRO FOOTBALL

Eagles Swoop In, Land Kearse

The Philadelphia Eagles beat the Washington Redskins to the punch by signing three-time Pro Bowl defensive end Jevon Kearse to a \$66 million, eight-year deal on Wednesday. Kearse will receive a \$16 million signing bonus and a \$4 million roster bonus. The deal makes Kearse the highest-paid defensive lineman in NFL history, according to Kearse's agent, Drew Rosenhaus. (AP)

BASEBALL

Jackie Robinson Tribute Set

Jackie Robinson will be honored every April 15 by Major League Baseball, starting with a national celebration at Shea Stadium paying tribute to the Hall of Famer's legacy. Robinson will be honored each year at all major league ballparks hosting a game on April 15, the anniversary of the date he broke baseball's color barrier in 1947 with Brooklyn. (AP)

Sports

U.S. Women Are Going to Athens

SOCCER | The U.S. women's team qualified for the Athens Olympics, getting goals from four different players in a 4-0 victory Wednesday over Costa Rica.

Mexico also got an Olympic berth with a 2-1 victory over Canada to earn its first trip to the Olympics.

Aly Wagner, Abby Wambach, Kristine Lilly and Shannon Boxx were the goal scorers for the Americans.

Wagner scored in the fourth minute, when Costa Rican goalkeeper Alejandra Alvarez became entangled with one of her own defenders. Wambach charged in from the left side in the 25th minute, and Lilly scored in the 28th on a free kick.



KENT GILBERT/AP

Abby Wambach scored a goal for the U.S. against Costa Rica on Wednesday.

Boxx added a goal in the 50th minute on a pass from Shannon MacMillan. (AP)

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT.	GB	L10 CONF.
New Jersey	37	22	.627	—	8-2 27-10
New York	26	35	.426	12	2-8 19-16
Boston	26	36	.419	12.5	3-7 17-24
Miami	25	36	.410	13	4-6 16-20
Philadelphia	24	36	.400	13.5	3-7 17-21
Washington	19	39	.328	17.5	4-6 12-26
Orlando	17	45	.274	21.5	4-6 13-28

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	L10 CONF.
Indiana	44	16	.733	—	8-2 29-10
Detroit	38	25	.603	7.5	5-5 26-15
Milwaukee	32	27	.542	11.5	6-4 25-13
New Orleans	32	28	.533	12	5-5 23-18
Toronto	26	34	.433	18	1-9 16-21
Cleveland	24	36	.400	20	5-5 18-20
Atlanta	20	40	.333	24	4-6 12-24
Chicago	18	42	.300	26	4-6 15-19

WESTERN CONFERENCE

MIDWEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	L10 CONF.
Minnesota	43	17	.717	—	8-2 20-12
Dallas	39	20	.661	3.5	8-2 24-13
San Antonio	39	21	.650	4	7-3 20-13
Memphis	36	24	.600	7	7-3 21-16
Houston	34	25	.576	8.5	6-4 13-19
Denver	33	29	.532	11	4-6 21-18
Utah	31	30	.508	12.5	6-4 18-19

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT.	GB	L10 CONF.
Sacramento	44	15	.746	—	8-2 25-13
L.A. Lakers	38	21	.644	6	7-3 19-16
Portland	29	30	.492	15	5-5 14-23
Seattle	27	33	.450	17.5	3-7 17-20
L.A. Clippers	25	34	.424	19	3-7 11-22
Golden State	25	34	.424	19	4-6 16-22
Phoenix	20	41	.328	25	2-8 12-25

Standings through March 2.

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHEAST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	36	17	7	5	84	191	148
Florida	24	26	14	3	65	147	167
Atlanta	27	32	6	2	62	182	207
Carolina	20	28	13	4	57	123	160
Washington	20	36	8	2	50	154	199

ATLANTIC	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Philadelphia	33	16	12	6	84	190	154
New Jersey	33	20	11	1	78	158	131
N.Y. Islanders	30	23	10	3	73	186	167
N.Y. Rangers	23	31	7	5	58	172	195
Pittsburgh	13	43	6	4	36	137	253

NORTHEAST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Toronto	36	19	9	3	84	191	148
Ottawa	35	16	9	5	84	216	140
Boston	31	16	13	7	82	170	154
Montreal	34	25	6	2	76	168	151
Buffalo	28	30	6	1	63	166	178

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
CENTRAL	37	17	9	2	85	208	150
Detroit	32	23	8	2	74	167	168
St. Louis	29	26	8	2	68	148	165
Columbus	20	34	8	4	52	144	188
Chicago	18	33	9	5	50	150	192

NORTHWEST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Colorado	33	16	11	5	82	188	150
Vancouver	35	19	7	4	81	187	150
Calgary	33	24	5	3	74	158	144
Edmonton	27	27	10	2	66	177	172
Minnesota	21	25	17	2	61	143	149

PACIFIC	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
San Jose	32	16	11	6	81	168	137
Dallas	32	22	11	0	75	147	142
Los Angeles	25	18	15	7	72	172	170
Anaheim	23	26	9	8	63	147	171
Phoenix	20	26	15	5	60	165	200

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Entertainment

Weekend Pass



PHANTOM LIMB: Baz, one of the patients with Body Integrity Identity Disorder in Melanie Gilbert's film, claims he feels "reborn" since freezing off one leg with dry ice.

Top Stops

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Short 'n' Sassy: Rod Stewart

Tonight's the night for raspy-voiced seducer Rod Stewart, who morphed from keeper of the Brit-blues flame to jet-set star to slightly shame-faced disco dabbler. But Rod's non-hits reveal a moving and conscientious songwriter — when not hopping the last car on a trend-train.

MCI Center, 601 F St. NW; Thu., March 4, 8 p.m., \$49.75-\$98.25; 202-628-3200. (Gallery Place-Chinatown)

Join the Party: Mavericks at 9:30

The Mavericks play irresistible dance-hall rodeo music, as courtly as it is swingin', whether the best-of-the-year listmakers notice them or not. This year, they noticed.

9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Sat., March 6, \$35; 703-218-6500. (U St.-Cardozo)



FUTURE'S SO BRIGHT: Country-rockers the Mavericks gotta wear shades.

Can You Can-Can? Just Try Us

Nothing gets us out of the house faster than those three little words: "The Boneless Contortionist." The BC commits circus acts in "Can You Can-Can?," a history lesson told through the forms of the 19th-century French music hall — dance, music, comedy and contortion. Into the car, kids!

Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; Fri.-Sun., March 5-7, \$14; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)

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All of Me

Subjects of 'Whole' want to lose a limb to find themselves

FILM | There were 19th-century men who were sexually obsessed with handkerchiefs. Got your attention now? Well get this: There are 21st-century people obsessed with amputation. On themselves. Now don't you miss the good old days?

The documentary, "Whole," directed by Melanie Gilbert and

serving as one of the focal points for this weekend's D.C. Independent Film Festival, lets these people speak for themselves. This, in part, is because there's no one else to speak for them.

No major studies have analyzed the condition becoming known as Body Integrity Identity Disorder. Psychiatry offers no tailored therapy. Instead, there are a few surgeons who have consented to remove silly vestigial appendages — like legs and arms. So much for

that Hippocratic Oath.

Even the wannabe amputees admit the whole thing is odd. But they claim that, like transvestites and transsexuals, they only feel fully themselves after surgery. It's the way they admit it — with charm, candor and articulate likability — that makes the film more than a freak show. They're baffled, and so we feel for their predicament. Sort of.

The clinicians are the ones who come off as freaks here. One pair sponsors meetings of wannabes with the aim to "facilitate treatment." Meaning surgical treatment, not psychiatric — has the possibility of alternative treatments never occurred to health professionals? They express full certainty that amputation is the

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All screenings are at Loews Cinema One. Highlights include:

- "Films Short Enough to Love"; Friday, March 5, 4:30 p.m.
- "Plucked From the Headlines"; Sat., March 6, 7:30 p.m.
- "Not in Your Wildest Dreams!" Controversial films; Sun., March 7, 7 p.m.

only way. Which makes us want to do a little amputation ourselves — of their idiot heads.

But then, what would we know? Happily cooler heads directed this tough, courageous film. **BOB MASSEY**

Loews Cinema One, 5100 Wisconsin Ave. NW; Sat., Mar. 6, 5:45 p.m.; see www.dciiff.org. (Friendship Heights)



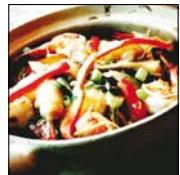
Ack-Ack: Jay Stuckey draws cool-looking airplanes in combat. But he's not a 10-year-old boy.

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**Adventure Ahoy:
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Dora the Explorer goes on a D.C. adventure when the resourceful little girl with a nose for action stars in "Dora the Explorer Live." Through March 7.

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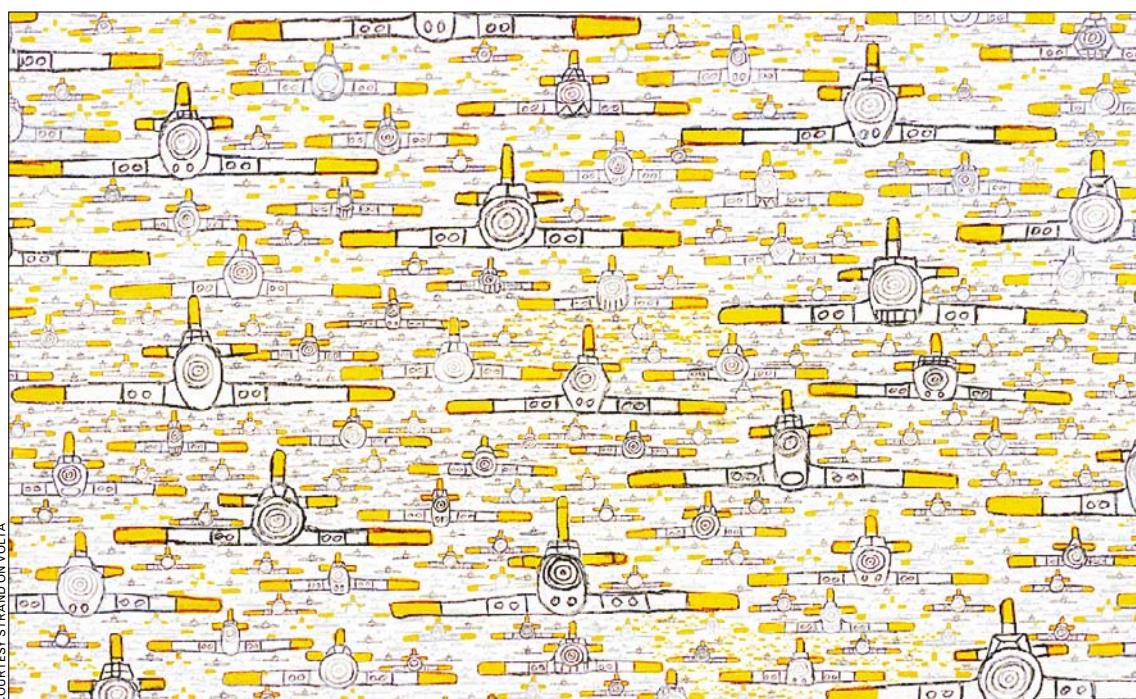
The Ceiling's the Limit

Jay Stuckey's naive airplane drawings are comin' atcha

GALLERIES | Size does matter, fly-boy. That's the lesson to be learned from "Jay Stuckey: Airplanes," now on view at Strand on Volta.

Virtually every guy who grew up on "Thirty Seconds over Tokyo" (the movie, not the song) and "Baa Baa Black Sheep" (the TV series, not the nursery rhyme) made crude but exuberant drawings where gnat-like clouds of prop-engine fighters faced off in mammoth dogfights or harassed a hulking bomber as it lumbered back to base.

But there's little chance your World War II fantasies were executed on the scale of Stuckey's "Orange Airplanes" (68 inches by 162 inches). And your scratchings probably didn't come close to achieving the density of the D.C.-raised painter's "Green Swarm," which makes a savagely gleeful joke about the "allover" compositions of Jackson Pollock.



ORANGE CRUSH: Jay Stuckey's large-scaled, self-consciously boyish airplane drawings are naive yet genuinely menacing.

Another advantage of size? Well, if Stuckey's paintings had been kid-scale, we wouldn't have been able to cup our hands around our eyes and peer at them through the window

— the lights forlornly cycling off and on, off and on — when Strand wasn't open during its advertised hours.

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MUSIC | Clay Aiken and Kelly Clarkson are headlining a tour that lands in D.C. this weekend for a couple of hours of heart-swelling, soul-lifting, grin-inducing musical pleasure. Are you big enough to go?

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Look inside yourself and find that spot that soars when the high notes are sung, that weeps a little during the sad songs, that throws back its head — yes, all right, the head of the part of you inside yourself; just work with us — and goes,



The measure of a man is clearly bespoke, judging from Clay's fine suit.

girl! Kelly can rock the tigress thing and be your babe next door, while Clay's the clean-living Southern boy with a secretly yearning soul, and both of them are more expres-

sive, nuanced and powerful vocally than their aiming-to-please personas would indicate.

The songs? We can't really vouch for the alternative progressiveness of "A Moment Like This" or "This Is the Night," which are, technically, two different songs. In case you were wondering.

But the work on both Clarkson and Aiken's records ("Measure of a Man" — tee-hee — and "Thankful," respectively) is pleasant, pretty, somewhat versatile and occasionally fiery. It's how their stupendous voices and charming stage presence transmute the songs that make this bill (with up-and-coming pop chicksies The Beu Sisters) so worthy.

All we are saying is give cheese a chance. (EXPRESS)

MCI Center, 601 F St. NW; Fri., March 5, 7 p.m.; \$38-\$48; 202-432-7328. (Metro Center)

LIVE MUSIC | THE DIRTY SOUTH WILL RISE

WHAT'S YOUR FANTASY? Atlanta rapper Ludacris performs live at Dream. The multiplatinum-selling troublemaker has good times on his mind and sexy rhymes on the tip of his quick tongue. 1350 Okie St. NE; Fri., March 5, doors open for drinks and soul-food buffet 6 p.m., \$20; 202-636-9030.

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Scattered Pictures

An artist assembles her fragmented identity

MUSEUMS | "My mother was born in Paris to Polish Jewish parents who settled in France just before World War Two," writes photographer Muriel Hasbun in the brochure to "Memento," her show that opens at the Corcoran on Saturday.

"My father was born in El Salvador to Palestinian Christian parents who settled in Central America shortly before World War I. I was born and raised in San Salvador and now live in Washington, DC."

Building on work she showed at last year's Venice Biennale, "Memento" consists of several black-and-white suites in which she goes in search of her identity,



COURTESY MURIEL HASBUN

Detail of Muriel Hasbun's "Protegida," one of her resonant photo montages.

parts of which exist more as family story than as felt experience.

The techniques she employs to evoke reconstituted memory — overlaying multiple image fragments, printing negative images, mounting on distressed surfaces, solarization — are rather obvious. And the imagery itself, mined from heirloom pictures and photographic records of trips on which she sought out her heritage, doesn't always mean as much to the viewer as it does to the artist.

But the ideas she's grappling with — self-tourism and the desire to reassemble the memories of others into a personal creation narrative — still resonate. GLENN DIXON

Corcoran Gallery of Art, 500 17th St. NW; Sat., March 6 through Jun. 7; (202) 639-1700. (Farragut West)

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The Washington Post WeekendSection



Rock Talk:

Strokes guitarist John Hammond Jr. insists his band did not save guitar rock from extinction. Yeah, right. | *Spotlight*

→ Also, scrapbooking; Undertones reassessed and reunited; the spooky sounds of "Deathwatch"; and reviews of movies opening this weekend.

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HEADS UP: Look who came crawling back. Roseanne ("Barr" again) tries stand-up. Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; Sat., March 6, 7 and 10 p.m., \$35; 703-549-7500.

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MOTHER'S GONE MISSING: Kelly Hutchinson and Usef Bulos performing "Homebody/Kabul" in the New York Theatre Workshop. The play is now in D.C.

Missus in a Burka

A British housewife looks for romanticism in unforgiving places

STAGE | An educated Afghan woman, fed up during the era of American support for the Taliban, screams at a Westerner: "You love the Taliban so much, bring them to New York! Well don't worry, they're coming to New York! Americans!"

Recent history? No, the most eerily prescient line of Tony Kushner's "Homebody/Kabul." The play, written before 9/11, opened in New York shortly after the disaster, to no small controversy.

Tony Kushner, however, eats controversy for breakfast. How else would a gay, Jewish socialist become a celebrated playwright? His ambitious recipe of AIDS, Reagan-era politics, millennial fever and Mormonism resulted in a Pulitzer Prize for "Angels in America." The seven-hour, two-part Broadway epic was recently broadcast as an HBO production starring Al Pacino, Meryl Streep and Emma Thompson.

Now "Homebody/Kabul" comes to the District in a co-production from Woolly Mammoth and Theatre J. The homebody of the title is a middle-aged British woman infatuated with ancient stories and travelogues from Afghanistan. She

imagines herself speaking fluent Pashto and romancing an Afghan merchant.

Kabul is where her hapless husband and misfit daughter find themselves after she disappears.

The reports suggest their former homebody has died, or maybe taken the veil and married a Muslim man. As the westerners negotiate the distant, difficult yet beautiful country, they encounter opium, the grave of Cain and the mad librarian who wishes the Taliban upon America. Their lost loved one won't be so easily found.

Kushner's restless imagination anticipated the turn the larger American imagination would take beginning in late 2001. Judging from Kushner's previous output, the "Taliban" the playwright imagines for America would likely prefer power ties and the New Testament over turbans and the Quran.

Then again, to be a playwright is to be, at some level, a romantic. And Kushner acknowledges the romantic impulse that might lead a spiritually parched woman to renounce her beloved books and Sinatra songs for an austere, obscure and possibly more fulfilling calling. **BOB MASSEY**

D.C. Jewish Community Center, 1529 16th St. NW; \$30-\$39; through April 11; 202-393-3939. (Dupont Circle)



ROAD TRIP: It's a beautiful weekend; what are you doing indoors? Join like-minded outdoorspeople in a two-hour bike ride along North Point State Park's wooded trails. **BYO:** bicycle, helmet, sunscreen, insect repellent and water. **Old North Point Road, Edgemere, Md.; Sat., March 6;** meet before 9 a.m. in parking lot near park entrance; **410-592-2897.**

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DANCE | The New York City Ballet is legend among dance aficionados who haven't been able to see the troupe at its home base.

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pany's founder and greatest choreographer, George Balanchine, the NYCB is bringing to the Kennedy Center to celebrate the maestro's centennial are exemplary symbols of his mid-century modernism.

Dances to look out for this weekend are the radiant 'Apollo'; the sexy, bedeviling "Prodigal Son";

the glorious pure dance work "Symphony in C," roiling with the froth of four principal ballerinas and the music of Bizet; the four-part "Jewels," flashing fire with all the plangency of gems come to life; and "Serenade," perhaps Mr. B's crowning glory.

Plotless, gauzy as a dried



Maria Kowroski as the Siren and Damian Woetzel as the Prodigal Son.

dandelion, "Serenade" piles up its female corps in alluring bunches and spreads it out in pleasing lines. Designed as an exercise for Mr. B's gauche dancers-in-training, it's somehow both earthy and transcendent.

It's been 17 years since the NYCB has visited D.C. For lovers of the dance, every opportunity to see the troupe is a once-in-a-lifetime chance. (EXPRESS)

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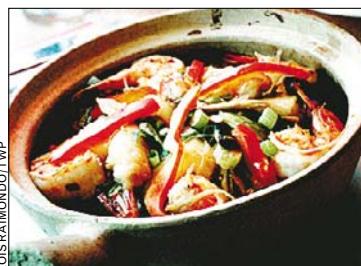
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MARRAKESH DE PARIS

(14418 Layhill Rd., in the Layhill Center, Silver Spring; 301-438-9006)—If a chef really cooks to order, especially if

Eve Zibart's dining reviews appear every Friday in The Washington Post's Weekend section. This week she visits Tenleytown's Neisha Thai and Taipei Tokyo in Rockville.



Potpourri Seafood from Thai Tanic.

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REALITY BITES | Proof that people will do anything to show up on television can be found on "Mad Mad House" (8 p.m., Sci Fi). This latest variation on "The Real World" is set in a mansion where the five hosts represent "alternative" lifestyles.

Don claims to be a vampire. Fiona is a self-proclaimed witch. Iya Ta'Shia is a voodoo priestess. Art calls himself a "modern primitive." The primitive part involves poking yourself with spikes and covering your body in tattoos; the modern part allows Art to wear sunglasses. Finally, meet Avocado, the "naturalist." He eats only raw food and walks around naked.

Their guests have absolutely no clue about what awaits them. In typ-



Kudos to Don the vampire for not changing his name to "Shroudayne."

ical "reality" fashion, they're a mix of exhibitionists, including a self-proclaimed Republican virgin who lives in a convent; a "retired" stripper; a writer who makes his living as a janitor in a barber shop; a handsome guy who "wishes everyone was

Christian"; a self-described "player"; two former beauty queens; a frat boy; and a horse trainer who claims to be smarter than he sounds.

Each week, the freaky five will vote off one contestant. Those who fail to conform to their new surroundings and their hosts' proclivities will get the boot. This raises some interesting, and even troubling questions.

In the pilot episode, several players decline to participate in a voodoo ritual. Others express reservations about the potential for danger in dabbling in dark practices. How about a "reality show" called "Christian House," where guests were praised or voted off because of their willingness to receive communion, praise the Lord, accept Jesus, etc. Can you imagine the controversy? KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)



ON TV TONIGHT

GOULISH TV

PRINCESS DIANA: THE SECRET TAPES (10 p.m., NBC) features never-before-seen film clips and audio interviews with the late Princess of Wales. A second segment will air next week.

While I have no idea why folks will tune in to hear a 12-year-old Diana

interview with a woman who has been dead for six-and-a-half years, I know this marks a new decline in the fortunes of NBC's "Must-See-TV" lineup. First "The Apprentice" replaces two sitcoms, and now "ER" takes a two-week sabbatical to be replaced by material better suited to "Dateline." And they wonder why network audience shares continue to decline.

DUH

SURVIVOR: ALL STARS (8 p.m., CBS) Susan Hawk flips out.

'YOU LOOK FABULOUS!' 'WHAT?' A partially deaf woman receives a digital hearing device on **EXTREME MAKEOVER** (9 p.m., ABC, TV-PG).

THE ONE WHERE IT GOES OFF THE AIR

FRIENDS (8 p.m., NBC) Viewers choose their favorite episode.

TAKE THE MONEY!

WILL & GRACE (9 p.m., NBC) A choice between money and friendship.

CULT CHOICE

THE PROFESSIONAL (8 p.m., Bravo) A hardhearted hit man (Jean Reno) develops paternal feelings for his neighbor (Natalie Portman) in this 1994 drama. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

3.4.04		6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC	4 News	NBC News	Hollywood	Friends	Will & Grace	The Apprentice (N) □	Princess Diana	News	Simpsons	Drew Carey	Tonight Show	
	WTG	5 Simpsons	Simpsons	Friends	Seinfeld	Tru Calling "Pilot" □	Tru Calling "Morning After"	News	News	News	Nightline	Nightline	
	WJLA	7 News	ABC News	Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Extreme Makeover (N) □	Extreme Makeover □	Primetime Thursday	News	News	Late Show	Late Show	
	WUSA	9 News	CBS News	USA Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: All-Stars (N) □	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn.	Without a Trace "Copy Cat"	Seinfeld	Raymond	Dharma-Greg	Dharma-Greg	
	WDCA	20 Moesha	The Hughleys	'70s Show	'70s Show	WWE SmackDown! (N) □	Frontline □	Frontline □	Frontline □	Frontline □	Play Piano in a Flash	Play Piano in a Flash	
	WMPT	22 NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Business Rpt.	Business	Ask This Old	MotorWeek	Frontline □	Princess Diana	News	Simpsons	Drew Carey	Tonight Show	
	WETA	26 World News	Business Rpt.	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Yoga for the Rest of Us	Yoga for the Rest of Us	Money Help Is on the Way: A Jonathan Pond Special	News	News	News	Nightline	Nightline	
	WHUT	32 Evening With B.B. King and	World News	MoneyWise	On Africa	On Africa	On Africa	Without a Trace "Copy Cat"	News	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N)	Charlie Rose (N)	
	WBDC	50 The Parkers	Steve Harvey	The Parkers	Steve Harvey	Steve Harvey	Andersons	Jamie Kennedy Experiment	Will & Grace	Just Shoot	Will & Grace	Blind Date (N)	
	A&E	City Confidential	American Justice □	Cold Case Files	With Malice (N) □	With Malice (N) □	With Malice (N) □	With Malice (N) □	With Malice (N) □	With Malice (N) □	Third Watch	Third Watch	
BASIC CABLE	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter	Animals	Animals	The Jeff Corwin Experience	Most Extreme	Animal Cops Detroit	Animal Cops Detroit	Animal Cops Detroit	Animal Cops Detroit	The Jeff Corwin Experience	The Jeff Corwin Experience	
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	BET com	The Parkers	The Parkers	106 & Park: Prime	Comicview	Comicview	Comicview	Comicview	Nightly News	Nightly News	
	Bravo	"Bonfire-Vanit."	The West Wing "Enemies"	★ ★ ½ "The Professional" (1994) Jean Reno. 'R'	South Park	Queer Eye for Straight Guy	The System	The System	Queer Eye for Straight Guy	Queer Eye for Straight Guy	The West Wing "Enemies"	The West Wing "Enemies"	
	Comedy	Late Night	Daily Show	Mad TV	Yankers	Insomniac	South Park	Straight Plan for Gay Man	Straight Plan for Gay Man	Straight Plan for Gay Man	Daily Show	Tough Crowd	
	Court	Profiler "Power Corrupts"	Cops	Cops	Hollywood	Hwd. Justice	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	NYPD Blue "Girl Talk"	NYPD Blue "Girl Talk"	
	Discovery	Gambling Games: House	New Detectives-Forensic	Monster House	Mega-Excavators	More Than Human	Monster House	Monster House					
	DISCH	Rescue 911	Rescue 911	Paramedics	Buff Brides: Challenge	Seeking Russian Bride	Berman & Berman (N)	Buff Brides: Challenge	Buff Brides: Challenge				
	Disney	Even Stevens	Sister, Sister	Lizzie	"You Wish!" (2003) A.J. Trauth, Spencer Breslin.	Sister, Sister	Boy World	Boy World	Boy World	Boy World	Kim Possible	Kim Possible	
	E!	CHiPs: Hollywood Story	E! News (N)	Love Chain	Anna Kournikova	Anna Bares All	Award-Fashion Police	Award-Fashion Police	Award-Fashion Police	Award-Fashion Police	Howard Stern	Howard Stern	
	FX	(5:00) ★ ★ ★ "Die Hard with a Vengeance" (1995, Drama)	★ ½ "Bless the Child" (2000, Horror) Kim Basinger.	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	The Shield "Scar Tissue"	The Shield "Scar Tissue"	
SPECIAL	HGTV	Before Aft	Building	Curb Appeal	House	Weekend	Landscapers	Divine Design	Designers'	House	House	House Detect	House Detect
	Family	Full House	Full House	7th Heaven	★ ★ ½ "The Flintstones" (1994, Comedy) John Goodman.	Divine Design	Designers'	Designers'	Designers'	Designers'	House	House	House
	History	The Great Ships	Modern Marvels	History vs. Hollywood (N)	U.S. Marshals	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels				
	Lifetime	The Nanny	Designing	Golden Girls	The Nanny	The Nanny	★ ★ "Invisible Child" (1999, Drama) Rita Wilson.	★ ★ "Invisible Child" (1999, Drama) Rita Wilson.	★ ★ "Invisible Child" (1999, Drama) Rita Wilson.	★ ★ "Invisible Child" (1999, Drama) Rita Wilson.	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	
	MTV	True Life "I Live in Iraq"	Direct Effect	TRL (ITV)	Carmen-Dave	Carmen-Dave	Band II	Pimp Ride	Pimp Ride	Pimp Ride	Real World	Real World	
	NICK	U-Pick	Sabrina	Rugrats	Romeo!	Full House	Full House	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Roseanne	Roseanne	
	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1	Stargate SG-1	★ ½ "The Faculty" (1998) Jordana Brewster.	Mad Mad House	Mad Mad House	Scare Tactics	Scare Tactics	Scare Tactics	Scare Tactics	Mad Mad House	Mad Mad House	
	SPIKE	Real TV	Real TV	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Stripperella	Stripperella	
	TBS	Home Imp.	Seinfeld	Friends	★ ★ ★ "Rush Hour" (1998, Action) Jackie Chan.	Jackie Chan.	(10) ★ ½ "Jackie Chan's First Strike" (1996) (PA)	(10) ★ ½ "Jackie Chan's First Strike" (1996) (PA)	(10) ★ ½ "Jackie Chan's First Strike" (1996) (PA)	(10) ★ ½ "Jackie Chan's First Strike" (1996) (PA)	Jawbreaker	Jawbreaker	
	TLC	Clean Sweep	In a Fix	Repo Men: Stealing	Sports Disasters	What Were You Thinking?	Repo Men: Stealing	Repo Men: Stealing					
SPORTS	TNT	Charmed "Siren's Song"	NBA Tip-Off	NBA Basketball	Sacramento Kings at Philadelphia 76ers. (Live)	NBA Basketball	Detroit Pistons at Portland Trail Blazers.	Detroit Pistons at Portland Trail Blazers.					
	USA	Walker, Texas Ranger	JAG	Flight Risk	Law & Order	★ ★ ½ "Bring It On" (2000, Comedy) Kirsten Dunst, Eliza Dushku.	★ ★ ½ "Bring It On" (2000, Comedy) Kirsten Dunst, Eliza Dushku.	★ ★ ½ "Bring It On" (2000, Comedy) Kirsten Dunst, Eliza Dushku.	★ ★ ½ "Bring It On" (2000, Comedy) Kirsten Dunst, Eliza Dushku.	★ ★ ½ "Bring It On" (2000, Comedy) Kirsten Dunst, Eliza Dushku.	Jawbreaker	Jawbreaker	
	VHI	VH1 Goes Inside "Survivor"	★ ★ ½ "The Full Monty" (1997) Robert Carlyle.	40 Greatest Rock Feuds	40 Greatest Rock Feuds	VH1 Goes Inside	VH1 Goes Inside	VH1 Goes Inside					
	TELEM	Corte-Pueblo	Noticiero	Pasión de Gavilanes	Amor Descarado	El Alma Herida	Mujeres Apasionadas	Mujeres Apasionadas	Mujeres Apasionadas	Mujeres Apasionadas	Noticiero Tel.	Noticiero Tel.	
	UNIV	Viviana	Noticiero	Amar Otra Vez	Velo de Novia	Bajo la Misma Piel	Aquí y Ahora	Aquí y Ahora	Aquí y Ahora	Aquí y Ahora	Impacto	Impacto	
	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live)	NHL Hockey	New York Rangers at Boston Bruins. (Live)	Timeless (N)	Timeless (N)	SportsCenter (Live)	SportsCenter (Live)	SportsCenter (Live)	SportsCenter (Live)	SportsCenter (Live)	SportsCenter (Live)	
	ESPN2	Table Tennis	Table Tennis	College Basketball	Georgetown at Notre Dame. (Live)	College Basketball	Cincinnati at DePaul. (Live)	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	Best of Poker	Best of Poker	
	CSN	NASCAR	SportsNite	ShipShape	Hall Fame	Ballroom Boxing	From Glen Burnie, Md.	Ballroom Boxing	Ballroom Boxing	Ballroom Boxing	Interruption	Interruption	
	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Anderson Cooper 360	Paula Zahn Now	Larry King Live	NewsNight-Aaron Brown	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Lou Dobbs Tonight	
	FNC	Special Report (Live)	Fox Report-Shepard Smith	The O'Reilly Factor	Hannity & Colmes	On the Record	The O'Reilly Factor	The O'Reilly Factor	The O'Reilly Factor	The O'Reilly Factor	The O'Reilly Factor	The O'Reilly Factor	
MOVIES	MSNBC	The Abrams Report (Live)	Hardball (Live)	Countdown-Olbermann	Deborah Norville Tonight	Scarborough Country (Live)	Hardball	Hardball					
	AMC	★ ★ ½ "The Day the Earth Stood Still" (1951) 'G'	★ ★ "Rooster Cogburn" (1975) John Wayne. 'PG'	(15) ★ ★ ★ "Angel and the Badman" (1947) John Wayne.	(15) ★ ★ ★ "Angel and the Badman" (1947) John Wayne.	(15) ★ ★ ★ "Angel and the Badman" (1947) John Wayne.	(15) ★ ★ ★ "Angel and the Badman" (1947) John Wayne.	(15) ★ ★ ★ "Angel and the Badman" (1947) John Wayne.	(15) ★ ★ ★ "Angel and the Badman" (1947) John Wayne.	(15) ★ ★ ★ "Angel and the Badman" (1947) John Wayne.	(15) ★ ★ ★ "Angel and the Badman" (1947) John Wayne.	(15) ★ ★ ★ "Angel and the Badman" (1947) John Wayne.	
	TCM	(5:00) "Body and Soul" 'NR'	John Garfield Story	★ ★ ★ "Rocky" (1976) Sylvester Stallone. 'PG'	(15) ★ ★ ★ "Rocky" (1976) Sylvester Stallone. 'PG'	(15) ★ ★ ★ "Rocky" (1976) Sylvester Stallone. 'PG'	(15) ★ ★ ★ "Rocky" (1976) Sylvester Stallone. 'PG'	(15) ★ ★ ★ "Rocky" (1976) Sylvester Stallone. 'PG'	(15) ★ ★ ★ "Rocky" (1976) Sylvester Stallone. 'PG'	(15) ★ ★ ★ "Rocky" (1976) Sylvester Stallone. 'PG'	(15) ★ ★ ★ "Rocky" (1976) Sylvester Stallone. 'PG'	(15) ★ ★ ★ "Rocky" (1976) Sylvester Stallone. 'PG'	
	HBO	Antwone F	Catch Me If	★ ½ "Shallow Hal" (2001) Gwyneth Paltrow. □	PG-13	★ ½ "FeardotCom" (2002) Stephen Dorff.	Making Dead.	Making Dead.	Making Dead.	Making Dead.	Taxicab Confessions 7	Taxicab Confessions 7	
	MAX	Judge Dredd	(20) ★ ★ ★ "Private Parts" (1997) 'R'	(15) ★ ½ "Deliver Us From Eva" (2003) LL Cool J. 'R'	(15) ★ ½ "Deliver Us From Eva" (2003) LL Cool J. 'R'	★ "Half Past Dead" (2002) Steven Seagal.	Best Sex	Best Sex					
	SHO	★ ★ "My Giant" (1998) Billy Crystal. iTV.	PG	★ ½ "Barbershop" (2002) Ice Cube. □	Movie News	Chris Isaak Show (iTV) (N)	★ ★ ½ "Ted Bundy" (2002)	★ ★ ½ "Ted Bundy" (2002)	★ ★ ½ "Ted Bundy" (2002)				
	TMC	(5:00) Tart 'R'	(35) ★ ★ ½ "Zelig" (1983) Woody Allen.	"Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams"	(45) ★ ★ "National Lampoon's Van Wilder" (2002) □	"National Lampoon's Van Wilder" (2002) □	(45) ★ ★ "National Lampoon's Van Wilder" (2002) □	(45) ★ ★ "National Lampoon's Van Wilder" (2002) □	(45) ★ ★ "National Lampoon's Van Wilder" (2002) □	(45) ★ ★ "National Lampoon's Van Wilder" (2002) □	Wigstock	Wigstock	
	STARZ!	(5:35) "Rabbit-Proof Fence"	(15) ★ "Mortal Combat" (1982) Chan Kuan Tai. 'R'	★ ½ "Friday After Next" (2002) Ice Cube.	★ ½ "Friday After Next" (2002) Ice Cube.	★ ½ "Friday After Next" (2002) Ice Cube.	★ ½ "Friday After Next" (2002) Ice Cube.	★ ½ "Friday After Next" (2002) Ice Cube.	★ ½ "Friday After Next" (2002) Ice Cube.	★ ½ "Friday After Next" (2002) Ice Cube.	★ ★ ★ "Black Hawk Down" (2001) 'R'	★ ★ ★ "Black Hawk Down" (2001) 'R'	
	ENCORE	(10) ★ ★ ½ "Green Card" (1990) Gérard Depardieu.	□	★ "I Am Sam" (2001) Sean Penn. □	PG-13	★ "I Am Sam" (2001) Sean Penn. □	PG-13	PG-13	PG-13	PG-13	PG-13	PG-13	

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FAMILY BUSINESSMEN: Michael Imperioli, James Gandolfini, Tony Sirico and Steven Van Zandt line up for yet more agita.

Back With More Bang

'The Sopranos' gets the shake-up it needed

TELEVISION | "The Sopranos" is back, and all is wrong with the world.

The TV drama every other drama series is measured against is returning to face the ultimate challenge: getting measured against its own past.

And it measures up — especially after last season, which didn't.

Last season, "The Sopranos" was gripped by tension. Week after week, the pressure built. As if resigned to inevitable doom, mobster Tony Soprano and everyone around him — and the series — sank into a funk.

Now, as "The Sopranos" begins its fifth season Sunday at 9 p.m. on HBO, it seems headed on a different, more rewarding track.

Warning: Spoilers ahead.

Tony (James Gandolfini), his wife (Edie Falco), and other key characters have lost their bearings. Too much has changed, too much is uncertain. One cause of shattered equilibrium is the arrival of several new mobsters who, jailed during the crackdown on organized crime in the 1980s, are out.

"Class of 2004," Uncle Junior (Dominic Chianese) sums up sourly — "old rats on a new ship."

It isn't long before former mob boss Feech La Manna (Robert Loggia) is telling Tony, "Now that I'm out, I'd like to get back in the game."

Also back on the streets is a cousin, Tony Blundetto (played by Steve Buscemi), whom Soprano wants back in the family business.

No thanks, says "Tony B." Once a rising star in the mob, he now intends to go straight.

The life of Tony's nephew Christopher (Michael Imperioli) hangs in the balance: He's kicked booze and drugs. But how long can he hold out? And Christopher's fiancee Adriana (Drea de Matteo) remains conflicted as she's forced to inform on Christopher and the rest of the mob. How long can she reconcile her two lives?

Sunday's episode begins with the familiar newspaper in the

Soprano driveway. But Tony isn't fetching it.

Later, the series adds to its gallery of odd and powerful images with a glimpse of raw potential violence, all the more unexpected for its having no connection with organized crime.

No wonder Tony — who now bunks in his late mother's shabby house — drifts back home on any pretext. There he scraps with Carmela, barks at sullen son A.J. (Robert Iler), chugs orange juice out of the carton and pretends none of the fault is his.

It's all part of a scramble for some sense of normality. Happily for viewers, the search on "The Sopranos" this season could come with many new pitfalls. **FRAZIER MOORE (AP)**

Vulnerable Tough Guys

WHACKED | Johnny Sack, don't make any long-term plans.

That's the opinion of an online bookmaker, BetWWTS.com, which issued odds Wednesday on which character would be the first to be whacked or die during the upcoming season of HBO's "The Sopranos."

The bookmaker issued 3-1 odds that Sack, a rival mob boss to Tony Soprano, would be the first to make

an untimely exit. That means bettors have to put up \$1 to win \$3.

Sack's associate, Little Carmine, is listed at 7-2 odds and Christopher Moltisanti's informant wife, Adriana, is at 4-1 odds.

The company first issued odds last season and pinpointed Ralph Cifaretto, who wound up having his head stuffed into a bowling bag.

The safest bet? It helps to be the star of the series; Tony Soprano is listed at 60-1 odds. (AP)



People

GESTURES

Why? Because We Hate Ya!

The Walt Disney Co. has quietly shelved a life-size statue of Mickey Mouse inspired by singer **JANET JACKSON**. The 6-foot, 700-pound statue was one of 75 unveiled at Walt Disney World in Orlando last fall. The statues were inspired by celebrities such as Andre Agassi, Jamie Lee Curtis and Ellen DeGeneres. The statue inspired by Jackson was clad in a tight black outfit similar to one she wore in 1990 after the release of her album, *Rhythm Nation 1814*. It was replaced by a spare statue by an in-house Disney artist. (AP)



FIRST LADIES

Doing Her Civic Duty

Journalist-turned-California first lady **MARIA SHRIVER** has another new job: juror. Shriver, wearing a pantsuit and reading glasses, took notes in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles on Wednesday, where she is on a jury hearing a product liability case. She is one of three women on the panel hearing the case of a man who claims he suffered nerve damage that cost him the use of his right arm when he fell from an extension ladder while working for a heating and cooling company. (AP)

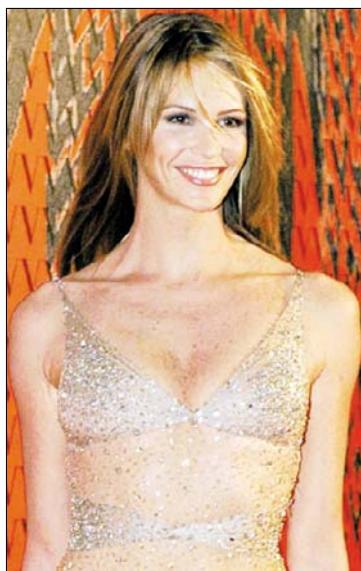


PRINCES Giving Trees

Britain's **PRINCE HARRY**, seeking attention Wednesday for parentless children with AIDS, planted a peach tree at an orphanage in Lesotho. Holding the hand of 4-year-old **MUTSU POTSANE**, the prince walked to a flower bed at the Mants'ase Children's Home where he planted the fruit tree. Mutsu helped the prince fill the hole. (AP)



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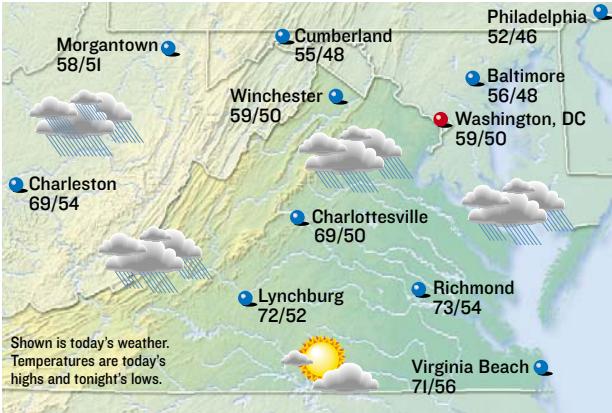
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Elle MacPherson is awfully freckly, don't you think? And so pale. Blech.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area



Regional Weather



Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Wed.

Temperature

High	67°
Low	49°
Normal high	51°
Normal low	34°
Average humidity	43%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.16"
Normal month to date	0.33"
Year to date	3.79"
Last year to date	9.81"
Normal year to date	6.28"

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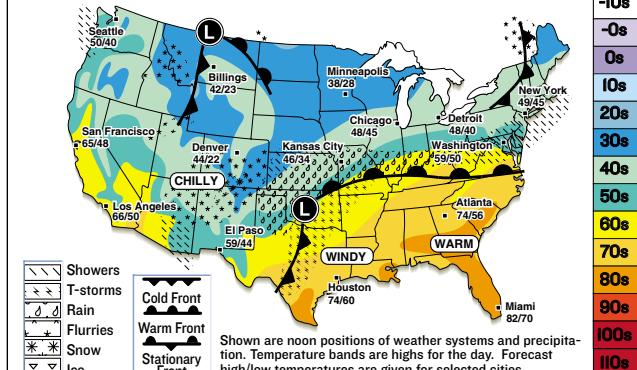
D.C. Metro: Today, cloudy, mild, rain, drizzle, patchy fog. High 59. Wind east to southeast 6-12 mph. Tonight, rain, drizzle, fog. Low 50.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:36 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:04 p.m.
Moonrise today	3:41 p.m.
Moonset today	5:42 a.m.



National Weather for Thursday, March 4



National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	74/56/pc	74/57/t	Amsterdam	44/36/r	41/33/r
Boston	48/36/c	44/40/r	Athens	48/32/r	43/33/pc
Chicago	48/45/c	56/29/sh	Berlin	31/20/pc	35/26/s
Dallas	69/51/t	63/44/pc	Buenos Aires	82/65/s	86/69/s
Denver	44/22/c	40/21/c	Calgary	28/7/sn	30/18/pc
Honolulu	82/70/pc	84/71/pc	Dublin	49/41/c	48/34/c
Los Angeles	66/50/s	68/52/pc	Geneva	48/31/c	45/32/r
Miami	82/70/pc	82/72/s	Moscow	23/-2/sn	10/-4/sn
New York City	49/45/c	54/49/r	Rome	50/36/s	47/36/r
Orlando	82/64/pc	84/64/pc	Sydney	80/61/s	82/60/pc
Seattle	50/40/sh	48/40/r	Tokyo	47/31/pc	45/41/s

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

OVEREXPOSURE

Charlize Jumps the Shark

Oscar-winner **CHARLIZE THERON** will have a semi-precious blue-green stone named for her, reported Agence France Presse. The South African discoverer of a new variety of amazonite has decided to name his find the "Star of Charlize." (EXPRESS)



Stop, just stop, looking up "John, Elton" on weddings.com. He's not registered.

STATEMENTS

Better Take Back That Leopard-Print Breadmaker

ELTON JOHN said Wednesday that while he supports same-sex marriage, reports are untrue that he plans to wed partner **DAVID FURNISH**. "David and I ... have no plans to get married," John said in a statement. Last week, Rosie O'Donnell and Kelli Carpenter became the most high-profile gay couple to marry in San Francisco. (AP)

Playback

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

IN THE MARCH 3 "Live Online" excerpt, CNN's Tucker Carlson said, regarding the impact of young voters in the 2004 election, that he is "... just as happy to let people who read a daily newspaper choose [his] government." To imply young people are uninformed in the political arena — particularly to a Washington-based newspaper — is ignorant and a generalization that only contributes to voter apathy.

It's unfortunate that a CNN analyst doesn't realize most young voters look to broadcast media for campaign information. A recent Pew Research Center survey found cable network news most frequently cited by young people as a source of election news. The network has lost my vote. We can make a difference.

— MARIA T. HIGGINS
Columbia, Md.

LET'S PUT IN PERSPECTIVE the discovery that water existed on Mars (A Watery Home for Mars Life," March 3). Researchers have identified numerous requirements, independent of water, for life to exist on any given planet in any given planetary system. Kudos to NASA, but let's not confuse science fiction with science fact just yet.

— KEITH WOJCIECH
Vienna, Va.

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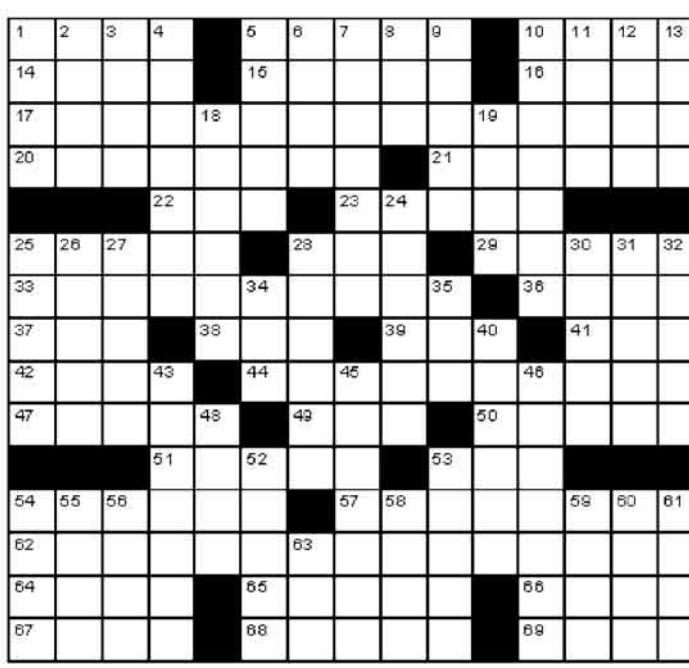
Yesterday's Solution



Crossword Puzzle: Round the Bend | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

1 Make-up specialist
5 Said further
10 Shed door device
14 An embarrassing problem to face?
15 Turn the air blue
16 "Diana" singer
17 Not all there
20 Very much involved
21 Pressing
22 Puts the finger on
23 "Go away!"
25 Slender stingers
28 Brazilian resort
29 Begin counterpart
33 Gone
36 Great-great-grandson of Augustus
37 Poetic tribute
38 Once known as
39 Lord's Prayer opener
41 Before now
42 Hold on property
44 Completely crazy
47 Dog bottoms?
49 Coffee-maker
50 They might have kinks
51 Some like it hot
53 Spade of fiction
54 Put into words
57 Zip
62 Screwy



25 Cashmere and angora
26 Video partner
27 Drum material
28 Despondent
30 Type of list
31 Make a case for
32 Trumpet sounds
34 Regulus' constellation
35 Horde member
40 Discuss tiresomely
43 Mythical drinks of the gods
45 Naval escort member
46 By hook or by crook
48 Misses
52 Where you may use ID to get mail
53 Projecting foundation piece
54 European merganser
55 Busted
56 Colliers' entry
58 Cinnabar, taconite, etc.
59 Water drainer
60 Swoop up
61 Some toothpastes
63 Wild bunch

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope | Stella Wilder

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — What you call overwork may be unavoidable — but it can prove worthwhile by day's end.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You may not be able to work or play closely with a good friend, simply because your internal rhythms are so wildly out of sync.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Don't jump to conclusions, or assume that others will accept or support your own extreme views. Try a moderate approach.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You'll be drawn toward a stranger who exhibits qualities you secretly admire. A partnership, if not a friendship, is certainly possible.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — This is a

good day to make or break a few habits — depending, of course, on how you look at it. You can provide something important for others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You can enjoy your exposure to something new and unusual. Keep your wits about you, however; you'll be called upon to use them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You cannot afford to overdo it, but neither must you limit yourself too severely. Move ahead rapidly until your instincts tell you otherwise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You may receive a calling of sorts, and flirt with the idea of changing course mid-stream. Of course, you must be more realistic.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You're in no mood to be the life of the party, or even to take the lead in anything work- or recreation-related.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — It's important that you do what you can to improve relations between your side and theirs. Be an ambassador of goodwill.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Lies are to be avoided at all costs — and you must be sure that others try to live up to your own strict standards.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Trust your intuitions and you will profit mightily. Love blossoms despite your reluctance; are you ready to make a new commitment?

LIVE ONLINE

Halliburton

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

DAVE LESAR, chairman and CEO of Halliburton Co., the government's biggest contracting firm in Iraq, was online Wednesday to discuss allegations and scrutiny of the corporation.

What was the motivation behind the new ads for Halliburton? They look and run like political ads.

We are clearing up the record. As our ad says, we want people to understand that we got our business based on the abilities of our employees to deliver quality services. We are very good at what we do and have served both Democratic and Republican administrations for more than 60 years.

Why wasn't there competitive bidding for the multibillion-dollar contract Halliburton was awarded for work in Iraq? It just smells bad.

The fact is the original contract, Logcap III, was competitively bid in 2001 and Halliburton won the contract. Later, one of the tasks received under this contract included the preparation of an emergency plan to restore Iraq's oil infrastructure. This work was always going to be competitively re-bid. It has been and Halliburton was awarded one of the follow-on contracts.

Are you saying the government was soliciting bids for a war in Iraq in 2001?

No, we won this contract to support the troops in 2001. It included troop support requirements wherever the military might deploy in the future. Currently, we are doing similar support work in the Balkans, Afghanistan and a number of other countries. This is a contingency contract and included no specific location when we bid it.

Have you lost any employees' lives?
We have lost employees while working in the war zone. These tragedies have occurred mainly in the fuel and mail delivery mission. Make no mistake about it, this is not working in a resort area. It is a difficult and dangerous environment.

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1 P.M.: Post columnist David Broder discusses the 2004 election.

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